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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The seventh session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be held from 20 to 24 April 2015. The role of the Commission, as defined in paragraph 201 of the Accra Accord, is to conduct policy dialogue on one or two selected issues, consider reports of expert meetings, manage and recommend for approval the work programme of expert meetings within its purview, and promote and strengthen synergies among the three pillars.

2. The substantive agenda items of the seventh session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission were approved at the sixtieth executive session of the Trade and Development Board (10–12 December 2014). This session of the Commission will discuss the theme of mobilizing investment for development, entrepreneurship and sustainable development goals, as well as policies to promote collaboration in science, technology and innovation (STI) for development. It will also review and adopt the reports of expert meetings. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat that have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

3. As provided in paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord, the seventh session of the Commission should aim at producing outcomes that are more action-oriented and identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. As stipulated in paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord, the outcomes of the session will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session.

Item 1
Election of officers

4. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the main committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Commission is to elect a Chair, five Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of seven members: four members from lists A and C combined, two members from list B and one member from list D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended.

5. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for this seventh session of the Commission will be as follows: the Chair, from list A (Africa); the Rapporteur, from list C; two Vice-Chairs, from lists A and C combined; two Vice-Chairs, from list B and one Vice-Chair, from list D.

Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission was prepared in accordance with the Accra Accord and the Doha Mandate. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Documentation

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Item 3
Reports of expert meetings

7. Under this agenda item, the Commission will consider the reports on the following expert meetings:

(a) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, third session;

(b) Expert Meeting on the Transformation of the International Investment Agreement Regime: The Path Ahead;

(c) Expert Meeting on Cyberlaws and Regulations for Enhancing E-commerce, including Case Studies and Lessons Learned;

(d) Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, thirty-first session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/9	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development on its third session
TD/B/C.II/EM.4/3	Report of the Expert Meeting on the Transformation of the International Investment Agreement Regime: The Path Ahead
TD/B/C.II/EM.5/3	Report of the Expert Meeting on Cyberlaws and Regulations for Enhancing E-commerce, including Case Studies and Lessons Learned
TD/B/C.II/ISAR/71	Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its thirty-first session

Item 4
Mobilizing investment for development: Contribution of UNCTAD in the context of financing for development

8. Attracting increased investment to sectors that are key for economic development (e.g. infrastructure, power), for social impact (e.g. water and sanitation, health, education, food security, social housing) and for environmental sustainability (e.g. climate change mitigation and renewable energy) is at the centre of the current debates on sustainable global development. The public sector has primary responsibility for investment in sustainable development goal (sustainable development goal) sectors, but in many developing and transition economies it cannot alone attain the level of investment required, and increased private investment is necessary to complement public investment.

9. As recently re-emphasized by the ministerial round table held during the 2014 World Investment Forum, an overall policy framework that is conducive to attracting investment is an essential prerequisite for investment-led inclusive and sustainable development. Building on previous and current research, in particular the UNCTAD Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development and the Action Plan for Investing in the Sustainable Development Goals, a high-level panel will be convened to discuss financing trends, options available to developing countries, partnerships and innovative financing mechanisms for mobilizing investment for development and maximizing its positive impact. The outcome of the discussion might feed into the Third

International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Addis Ababa in July 2015.

10. To inform the discussions, the Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise will present the most recent trends in international investment for development. The secretariat has also prepared an issues note to guide the deliberation. The *2014 World Investment Report* and the Chair's summary of the ministerial round table on investing in sustainable development, held during the 2014 World Investment Forum, will serve as background documentation.[1]

11. In line with the established practice of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission, its work will continue with the consideration of the reviews of investment policies of the Republic of Congo and the Sudan, which will provide further opportunities to gather experience and draw best practice policies on how to mobilize investment for development and maximize the positive impact of such investment.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/28	Mobilizing investment for sustainable development: Background information and considerations pertinent to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development
UNCTAD/WIR/2014	*World Investment Report 2014: Investing in the SGDs: An Action Plan*
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2014/4	Examen de la politique d'investissement de la République du Congo (Investment Policy Review of the Congo)[2]
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2014/5	Investment Policy Review of the Sudan

Item 5

(a) Entrepreneurship and sustainable development goals

12. The global and financial crisis and its aftermath continue to have serious implications for enterprise policies in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, leading policymakers to introduce new measures to achieve inclusive and sustainable development objectives. In particular, the promotion of entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises will be critical in achieving the sustainable development goals.

13. Under this agenda item, a panel will therefore be convened to examine specific issues related to the achievement of sustainable development objectives through enterprise development. In light of the resolution recently approved by the General Assembly on entrepreneurship for development (A/RES/69/210), the secretariat has prepared an issues note highlighting best practices and identifying possible measures in support of

[1] Available at http //unctad-worldinvestmentforum org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Chairs-summary-20-October-2014 pdf

[2] Available in French only.

entrepreneurship for development. The publication entitled "*Entrepreneurship Policy Framework and Implementation Guidance*" (listed below) will serve as background documentation.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/29	Promoting entrepreneurship for development
UNCTAD/DIAE/ED/2012/1	*Entrepreneurship Policy Framework and Implementation Guidance*

(b) Policies to promote collaboration in science, technology and innovation for development

14. Under this agenda item, the Commission will discuss policies to strengthen networking activities and linkages among science, STI stakeholders in the public sector, the business community and academia. Many developing countries have insufficient scientific and technological experience and capabilities; therefore, policy support will be instrumental in initiating, growing and bringing to sustainability networking activities and interactions, such as innovation clusters and innovation hubs, STI parks or business incubators. Such instruments have been used to promote technological development in a wide variety of contexts, using various models and approaches. The session of the Commission should enable the sharing of experiences and in developing and implementing policies to foster collaboration among STI stakeholders in the context of developing countries. The focus of the discussion is expected to be on presenting various approaches with an emphasis on STI parks.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/30	Policies to promote collaboration in science, technology and innovation for development: The role of science, technology and innovation parks

Item 6
Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

15. Under this item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD work in the areas covered by this Commission. The Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise and the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics will give a presentation on the progress made since the last session of the Commission.

Documentation

UNCTAD/DIAE/2014/2	*Division on Investment and Enterprise: Results and Impact – Report 2014*

Item 7
Other business

16. Under this agenda item, the Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board, for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the next session of the Commission.

Item 8
Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

17. The report of the seventh session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.